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A. AMEMBASSY BAMAKO 3163, 120930Z OCT 73

B. SECSTATE 203358, 122335Z OCT 73

C. AMEMBASSY BAMAKO 3176, 122345Z OCT 73

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E. AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT 0980, 161205Z OCT 73

F. AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT 0984, 161225Z OCT 73

G. AMEMBASSY BAMAKO LETTER, 14 OCT 73.

1. REF A. GOM APPROVED GIRM REQUEST TO PERMIT BAMAKO-BASED U.S. AIRLIFT OF 300MT MALI MAIZE STOCK FOR GRAIN DELIVERIES IN MAURITANIA COMMENCING 16 OCT FOR 21 DAYS. REF B. AID/JCS/DOD/STATE RECOGNIZE, SUPPORT AND HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN JTF CDR AND AMBASSADOR'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER ALL PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS PRIOR TO REACHING A DECISION ON HOW TO STAGE GIRM'S AIRLIFT. FINAL AUTHORITY ON AIRLIFT DESIGN RESTS WITH JTF CDR, AND CONCURRENCE AMBASSADOR. USG ASSUMES ALL BAMAKO SUPPORT COSTS IF GIRM UNABLE. REF C. ITEMIZED BAMAKO SUPPORT AREAXUORSZIRM'S INCURRED EXPENSES. REF D. GIRM FORMALLY APPROVED BAMAKO-BASED AIRLIFT BEGINNING 17 OCT. LANDING AND OVER FLIGHT CLEARANCES GRANTED. MAIZE ACCEPTABLE. GIRM MINISTER OF HEALTH (DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR) REQUESTED JTF CDR WORK OUT PLAN FOR LISTED TONNAGE TO BE AIRLIFTED TO FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FROM BAMAKO AND/OR NOUAKCHOTT: (A) NEMA-500MT (B) AIOUN-300MT (C) KIFFA-200 MT(D) SELIBABI-100 MT. REF E. SELIBABI AIRSTRIP PER DATT DAKAR SURVEY: ELEV-262 FEET, RWY LENGTH/WIDTH 3600 FT/90 FT, ASPHALT AND LEVEL. REF B. GIRM REQUEST US AIRLIFT ONLY 1200 MT. MAIZE FULLY ACCEPTABLEZJZMURITANIA. REF G. GOM APPROVAL 800 MT MAIZE AIRLIFT FROM BAMAKO TO MAURITANIA WITH USG GUARANTEE TO REPLACE. EITHER MAIZE OR SORGHUM ACCEPTABLE.

2. AFTER JTF CDR ARRIVAL NOUAKCHOTT 14 OCT WITH REF G LETTER, MEETING WAS HELD WITH AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO DISCUSS CONSOLIDATED APPROACH TO GIRM WITH GOM 800 MT MAIZE APPROVAL AND READINESS OF BAMAKO-BASEDHRPERATION TO START AIRLIFT 16 OCT IN MAURITANIA. PRIOR TO JTF CDR DEPARTURE FOR BAMAKO 15 OCT, AMBASSASSY MADE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT GIRM MIN HEALTH WITH GOM APPROVAL BUT UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT HIGH LEVEL GOVT CONFERENCE. JTF CDR ASSURED AMBASSADOR AIRLIFT FROM BAMAKO WOULD COMMENCE UPON RECEIPT GIRM'S APPROVAL.

3. REF D. ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT 800 MT FOR NEMA-AIOUN CAN BE AIRLIFTED FROM BAMAKO WITH REMAINING TONNAGE FROM NOUAKCHOTT. PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS: ONE BAMAKO-BASED ACFT FLY TWO MSNS EACH DAY TO NEMA AND SECOND ACFT ONE MSN TO AIOUN, THEN FLY TO NOUAKCHOTT-ON-LOAD UNCLASSIFIED

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GRAIN/FUEL, RETURN AIOUN AND RECOVER BAMAKO. THIS SCHEDULEPRECLUDE EXHAUSTING BAMAKO GRAIN/FUEL DEDICATED FOR MAURITANIA OPERATIONS.

NOUAKCHOTT-BASED ACFT FLY TWO MSNS EACH DAY TO KIFFA OR SPLIT ONE TO SELIBABI. NOUAKCHOTT MSN CDR'S DECISION TO REDUCE MSNS PER DAY OR STAND-DOWN IF AIRCREW'S REST JEOPARDIZED. EXCEPTION FOR NOUAKCHOTT AND BAMAKO ONLY ONE MSN PER ACFT TO BE FLOWN ON SUNDAY.

4. REF E. SELIBABI AIRFIELD SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO
GRAIN AIRLIFT TO AIRFIELD.
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